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Re: Enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Petition for Extension of Time
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/824,588
Our Reference: NGB.393

Dear Examiner Feggins:

Attached is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2006, and should place the Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


Scott M. Tulino
Sean M. McGinn

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Attachment

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